

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 13 & 14, 2007**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the fourteenth day of March, 2007, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

**Article 2:** 2007 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Waukewan Watershed area shall be added as an overlay to the ordinance?"

(Proposed by the Planning Board)

YES

NO

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: All references to specific State RSA's and regulations shall be replaced with a general statement "as per State laws and regulations?"

(Proposed by the Planning Board)

YES

NO

3. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?”

(Proposed by the Planning Board)

YES

NO

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA72:28 II & IV, (Veterans Tax Credit on residential property), to increase the annual property tax credit from \$300. to \$400.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of One Million Nine Hundred Sixty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars (\$1,964,664.) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 9 of the 2001 Town meeting requiring the approval of the town meeting prior to the Board of Selectmen selling any town owned property for an amount over \$5,000.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 7** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, **at a price acceptable to the Selectmen**, the Town’s 1986 Mack pumper fire truck.

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Transfer Station Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$13,500) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Library	12,500.
Municipal Buildings	2,000.
Revaluation	9,500
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Honor Roll	10,000.
Public Works Vehicles	35,000.
Police Cruiser	15,000.
Conservation	<u>5,000</u>
	<b>\$277,000</b>

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-seven Thousand Dollars (\$197,000) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000.
Revaluation	9,500
Police Cruiser	25,000
Library Expansion	<u>12,500</u>
	\$197,000.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of a portable pump for the fire department. Said funds to be raise by taxation. **Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the design and construction of a new veteran's war memorial honor roll and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Honor Roll Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose, with the balance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from private sources. No amount to be raise by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the memorial is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. **Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, if any, to be transferred to the Town's general fund:

Name of CRF	Date Established	Amount to general fund
Land/building Acquisition CRF	Unknown	\$ 0

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Retiree Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund to the Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund. **(2/3 vote required)**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of land from Holderness 2000 located behind Curry Place off US Route 3 containing approximately 1.8 acres know as Map 102 Lot 006. **This article requested by petition.**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Field Road as a Town Road. **This article requested by petition.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the well being of the people of Holderness.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Holderness encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States and to declared candidates for those offices. (This article is at the request of the Holderness Conservation Committee).

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

Resolved: We the citizens of Holderness, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the local property tax burden. **This article requested by petition.**

**Article 19:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

**HOLDERNESS**

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**Peter S. Francesco, Chairman**

**BOARD OF**

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**Barbara Currier, Vice-Chairman**

**SELECTMEN**

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**Sidney Lovett**

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**Suzanne B. Peoples**

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**Peter T. Webster**

**Cumulative Appropriations:**

Article	Amount	Purpose
11	10,000.00	Fire Pump
8 & 9	290,500.00	To Capital Reserve Accounts
10&12	<u>257,000.00</u>	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$557,500.00	
5	<u>\$ 1,964,664.00</u>	Net Remaining Budget
	\$ 2,522,164.00	Proposed Gross Budget